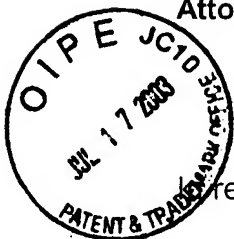


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Applicant: Nelson Douglas Pitlor

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 17, 2003

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Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement, Applicant elects species 9 drawn to figures 17-21.

REMARKS

In response to the election requirement, the Applicant has elected species 9 drawn to figures 17-21. Claims 1-27, 30-37, 67-76 and 81-91 are readable on the elected species.

Species 10 (figures 22-27) is believed similar to species 9; a difference is species 10 shows four magnets and species 9 shows three magnets. It is believed appropriate to consider these two species as one.

Additionally, the Applicant wishes to draw to the Examiner's attention that figure 9 was omitted from classification in the Office Action.